

EASTERN EXTENSION, AUSTRALASIAN

**EASTERN EXTENSION, AUSTRALASIAN
AND CHINA TELEGRAPH COM-
PANY (LIMITED).**

The fourth ordinary general meeting of the Company was held on the 12th ultimo, in the Cannon-street Hotel. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. H. B. Hume, Chairman of the Board.

The Chairman, having alluded to the figures given in the Report, said the earnings showed a falling off of about £4,989 as compared with the corresponding figures of the previous year, and that this was fully accounted for by the depressed state of trade in India. The provisions were rather less than in the previous half-year, and the loss on the sale of the Shanghai cable was not taken into account. He said that the Board went on to say that the Board were strongly in favour of the policy (which had been advocated by the Chairman) of adding to the ordinary dividend to the reserve fund, and he hoped they would be able to do this, and also maintain the present rate of dividend. Having referred to the reduction of the ordinary dividend of 10 per cent. to 8 per cent., he said that the balance of £3,200 would be paid by March next year. The repairs to the cable for the half-year amounted to £2,751, and the same amount was paid for the corresponding half of last year. The faults in the Batavia section, which were in shallow water, had been easily repaired—a fact which

property. As regarded the New Zealand cargo, a portion had been shipped on board the steam-

...and, as he believed the whole cable was
...gratulated the shareholders on the fact that the
...shareholders had taken about two-thirds of the
...authorities authorised at the special meeting
...and said the directors would have an opportunity
...He said the joint press agreement with the
...Northern of China had been renewed; it had
...worked well hitherto, and would no doubt be
...Conference considerable attention was given to
...the subject of submarine cables, which, he
...believed, would result in benefit to those under-
...making arrangements. He said that the
...would "traffic" was being made general on sub-
...marine lines, he concluded by moving the adoption
...of the Report.

The Hon. Mr. Massey, M.P., seconded the
...and the shareholders and the directors closed the proceedings—
London and China Express.

Carpets are bought by the yard and worn by
the foot.

When a man has a business that doesn't pay
he usually begins to look around for a partner
to share his losses with him.

"A Bridge" who, an uncool, outstaring at
the things of the world.

The country was called by her mistress if they had
any place where she formerly lived in Ireland
and in New Zealand.

Yes, and some of the "What kind of pies?"
Massey, morn'g.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

OPTICAL.

TUESDAY, 23rd November.

Small sales of New Putnam to-day at 2600
but in New Benares nothing has been done, and
the market is very quiet. The market is very
quiet. Pending the landing of Malva from the

REMARKS

LONDON. —
 Bank Bills, on demand 4/0
 Bank Bills, at 80 days' sight 4 1/4
 Bank Bills, at 90 days' sight 4 1/4
 Credit, 3 months' sight 4 1/4
 Documentary Bills, at 6 months' sight 4 1/4
 On Bombay. — Bank, on demand 2 1/2
 On Calcutta. — Bank, on demand 2 1/2
 On SHANGHAI. —
 Bank, sight 7/2
 Private, 30 days' sight 7 3/4

SHANGHAI.
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares. —
 per cent. discount.
 Union Insurance Society of Canton, new shares \$60
 China Trade Insurance Company's Shares \$137 1/2 per share.
 China and Japan Marine Insurance — 110
 per share.
 Chinese Insurance Company. — \$210 per share.
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares \$62 1/2 per share.
 China Fire Insurance Company's Shares — \$14
 per share.
 Victoria Fire Insurance Company's Shares —
 \$189 per share.
 Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares — per cent. discount.
 Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares — Par.
 Shanghai Steam Navigation Company's Shares —
 per cent. discount.
 Hongkong Gas Company's Shares — \$75 per share.
 Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares — \$50 per cent. discount.
 Chinese Imperial Loan — £103.

SALES ON NOVEMBER 32ND, at 10.25 by
 OUTRIPS.
 Black Pepper, 300 cwt., at \$10.25, by Yee-chong to travelling trader.
 Broken Sugar, 50 bags, at \$2.00, by Shing-Lo to local trader.
 Ceylon First Para, 300 packages, at \$5.00, by Kwong-sung-tai to travelling trader.
 Bataans, 100 pieces, at \$3.50, by Kwong-tuck to travelling trader.
 California Shallop, 50 packages, at \$14.80, by Kwong-tuck to travelling trader.
 California Cattlehoo, 50 packages, at \$2.30, by Yue-sun-chong to travelling trader.
 White Wax, 5 pieces, at \$78.00, by Kwong-tuck to travelling trader.
 Dutch Lily Tins, 10 packages, at \$2.00, by Chuan-chong to travelling trader.
 Fungus, 80 packages, at \$38.00, by Chuan-chong to travelling trader.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
 FANTY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above
Company are prepared to grant Policies

the Company, to the extent of \$80,000 on same.

FIRST-CLASS RISK.

at Current Rates.

Barrow of TWENTY PER CENT. (20%) will be made on the premium charged on insurances, such Return being payable on the issue of the Policy.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

383 Hongkong, 1st March, 1874.

PAIDENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents to the above Company at the Fire to the extent of \$40,000, on Buildings or on Goods stored therein.

DOUGLAS LA PRAIRIE & Co.,
Agents.

at 717 Hongkong, 15th November 1873.

THE NATSANTO FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to take all orders for insurances at current rates, subject to a bonus of 20 per cent.

SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents.

at 39 Hongkong, 15th November 1872.

LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM this date, until further notice, a discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) will be on current local rates of insurances which are on insurances effected with this Company.

DOUGLAS LA PRAIRIE & Co.,
Agents.

at 1193 Hongkong, 27th June, 1872.

THE SMOOD COLONIAL STRAITS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF
PATAYIA.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company call SPECIAL ATTENTION TO SHIPPERS to the low rates of premium charged for all insurances on goods which are on insurances of THIRTY-THREE AND ONE THIRD PER CENT (33 1/3%) will be allowed on risks to ports in China, Japan, the Philippines, and the Straits, and will be allowed on risks to Europe will be FIFTEEN PER CENT (15%) only.

SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents.

1022 Hongkong, 1st July, 1874.

Vessels Advertised as Loading

For Sale.

SAYLE & CO.,
HAVING received their first delivery of
GOODS for the
AUTUMN and WINTER SEASONS,
 which an Inspection of the following:—
 Rich Black GLACE and GROSCHAIN
 SILKS, from the best French makers.
 Colored GROSCHAIN and FANCY SILKS,
 in all the Newest Shades.
FANCY DRESS MATERIALS, in the New
 Patterns.
WOOL PORPLINS.
 Plain and Figured Japanese SILKS.
ALL WOOL SERGES.
 Colored MERINOS.
SCOTCH PLAIDS.
 Ladies' Ready-made COSTUMES.
 Richly Embroidered CASHMERE TAB-
 LETS, MANTLES, and SLEEVELESS
 JACKETES.
 The Newest Shapes in SILK, VELVET,
 and CLOTH JACKETES trimmed with Fur.
 Ladies' TRIMMED HATS of the latest
 styles, direct from Paris.
 The New Shapes in Ladies' and Children's
 FELT HATS.
 A large assortment of WOOL SHAWLS

For Sale.

THOMPSON AND HIND
 ARE NOW SHOWING
BLACK and COLOURED SILKS, especially
 selected to wear well.
VELVETS and VELVETINGS in all Colors
 HOMESPUNS, FRENCH MERINOES,
 CASHMERE, GABRIEN,
 PLEIN and FANCY PLANNELLS, for
 Morning Gowns.
LADIES' and CHILDREN'S HATS.
 New Colors in RIBBONS, FLOWERS, and
 SHAWLS for Chairs, CARRIAGE RUGS,
 BEST WHITE BATH and WHITNEY
 BLANKETS.
BELGIAN COUNTERPANES and TOILET
 COVERS.
 MEXICO CLOTH, SERGE, and HOME-
 SPUN COSTUMES, made in Latest Style.
 A large Variety of CHRISTMAS TOYS and
 PRESENTS.
LADIES' BOOTS and SHOES Buttons and
 Elastic-
GENTLEMEN'S FELT HATS, in Latest
 Shapes: The Cantab, Duke, Eryc, Athol,
 and the Scotch Bonnet.
WHITE SHIRTS, Collars attached, cut
 specially low in the neck.
SCARVES, TIES, GRAYATS, BOOTS,
SOCKS, UNDERWEISTS, and
UMBRELLAS.
 A Few OVERLAND and RAILWAY
 TRUNKS.
 33, QUEEN'S ROAD.
 666 Hongkong, 16th November, 1875.

DELICIOUS GINGER BRANDY,

of the
 SPIRITS of WINE, for Lamps,
 33 per Dozen.
 Apply to the
 HONGKONG DISTILLERY Co.
 1509, 16th 8th Avenue, 1875.

Vessels on the Berth.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA.
THE F. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
"BOMBAY"
 will leave for the above place TO-DAY, the
 24th inst., at 7 A.M.
A. MOIVER,
Superintendent.
 P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
 Hongkong, 24th November, 1875. [1687]

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for YAGASAKI
 and HIOGO.)
THE F. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
"ATODA"
 will leave for the above place TO-DAY, the
 24th inst., at 7 A.M.
A. MOIVER,
Superintendent.
 P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
 Hongkong, 24th November, 1875. [1688]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for
 HANKOW, NINGPO, and PORTS to
 JAPAN.)
THE Company's Steamship
"ANOHISE"
 will be despatched on or about the 25th instant
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents,
 1730 Hongkong, 19th November, 1875.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, via SUZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship
"ACHILLES"
 will be despatched on or about the 3rd Dec.

FOR SALE.
BEST TAKASIMA COAL, fresh from the

B. Fitt, in Lots to suit, Parachuters, at \$3 per Ton, at Clodown.
Apply to
THOS. G. CLOVER,
No. 7, Queen's Road, or East Point,
1th 1625 Hongkong, 22nd November, 1875.
NOW ON SALE.

THE HOUSEHOLD COMPANION
AND
STUDENT'S FIRST ASSISTANT,
By **DR. DE VARY**, with many Additions, Corrections, and Dr. W. H. L. O'Sullivan's Geography.
Printed in Paper Wrappers, each \$1.50
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J. AND E. TENNENT'S ALE and
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Merchants Navy, Boilers }
Long Plus } **JOANVAS**
Ovens.
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1130 Hongkong, 11th May, 1897.
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FOR 1875.

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OF A
PLAN OF VICTORIA, HONGKONG,
THE
FOREIGN SETTLEMENTS OF
SHANGHAI
A Chromo-Lithograph Plate of the
NEW CODES OF SIGNALS IN USE AT
THE PEAK
also of
THE VARIOUS HOUSE FLAGS
(Designed especially for the Work)
MAPS OF HONGKONG, JAPAN,

SILK WORM DISTRICTS.

THE
ISLAND OF FORMOSA,
AND OF
THE COAST OF CHINA;
ALSO, THE

**NEW CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE—
HONG KONG;**

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Hankow	" KELLY & Co., Shanghai.
Harbin	" HALL & HOLME.
Hongkong	" BROWN & Co.
Kobe	" HALL & HOLZNER and KELLY
London	" & Co., Shanghai.
Lyons	" HALL & HOLZNER and KELLY
Manila	" & Co., Shanghai.
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Harbin	" Mr. S. M. FISHER, 31, Mar-
Hongkong	" New York.
Kobe	" Messrs. L. M. PETERLIN & Co.,
London	" 87, Park Row.
Lyons	" Hongkong, 2nd January, 1876.

WING-KEE COAL SHED.

THE Proprietor of WING-KEE COAL SHED, has to inform the public that his Shop has been established since 1855, and that he has to sell and that he has always a great quantity of BEST COAL in store for Sale. Gentlemen or Shipmasters wishing to purchase him, are requested to apply at his Shop:

23d September, 1876.

Vessels on the Berth.

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STEAM TO YOKOHAMA.
THE F. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
"BOMBAY"
Will leave for the above place TO-DAY, the 1st inst., at 7 A.M.
A. McIVER,
Superintendent.
O. & S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, 23rd November, 1875. [1897]

STEAM TO SHANGHAI,
Carrying Cargo at through rates for NAGASAKI
and HIOGO.)
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FOR SHANGHAI,
Carrying Cargo and Passengers at through rates for
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THE Company's Steamship
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1750 Hongkong, 19th November, 1875.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, via SUEZ CANAL.
THE Company's Steamship
"AGHILLES"
Will be despatched on or about the 3rd Dec.

G. B. EMORY.

Hongkong, November 2nd, 1875. *Acting Agent.*
 U. S. MAIL LINE.
 PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
 THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVER-
 LAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT
 YOKOHAMA AND SAN FRANCISCO.
 THE S.S. "CITY OF TOKIO" will leave
 Hongkong for San Francisco, via Yoko-
 hama, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th December,
 at 5 P.M., taking Passengers and Freight for
 Japan, the United States, and Europe.
 Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of
 Lading are issued for transportation to Yoko-
 hama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco,
 to ports in Mexico, Central and South America,
 and the New States, and Europe, via OVER-
 LAND RAILWAYS.
 A Steamer of the Mitsui Bussai S.S. Company
 about same date, and makes close connection at
 Yokohama.
 At New York, Passengers have selection of
 various lines of steamers to England, France,
 and Germany.
 Freight will be received on board until 5 P.M.
 on the 4th proximo. Parcel Packages will be
 received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day
 all Parcel Packages must be marked to address
 and the full value of same is required.
 For further information as to Passage and
 Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company,
 Praya West.
 G. B. EMBURY, *Acting Agent.*
 Hongkong, November 15th, 1875.
 NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE
 COMPANY AT HAMBURG.
 THE Undersigned having been appointed
 AGENTS for the above Company, are pre-
 pared to GRANT INSURANCES to the extent
 of \$65,000, on first-class risks at current rates.
 If 674 Hongkong, let May, 1874.
 MELBOURNE & CO.
 BATAVIA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE
 COMPANY.
 THE Undersigned having been appointed
 Agents for the above Company, are pre-
 pared to grant Insurances as follows:-
 MARINE RISKS.
 Policies at current rates, payable either here
 in London, or at the principal ports of India,
 Australia, and the East.
 A BULKHEAD of THIRTY-THREE AND ONE
 PER CENT. will be allowed on all LOCAL
 RISKS.

Policies granted on First-class Buildings:	
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an extent of \$20,000.

A. DISCOUNT OF TWENTY PER CENT. (20%) upon the current local rates will be allowed on all premium charged for insurance; such discount being deducted at the time of the issue of policy.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents

1 Hongkong, 1st January, 1874.

**LONDON AND ORIENTAL STEAM
TRANSIT INSURANCE OFFICE.**
127, LEADENHALL STREET, LONDON
ESTABLISHED 1845.

THE Undersigned is authorized to accept risks on behalf of this Office, by First Class Steamers and Sailing Ships.

A. McIVER, Agent.
of Hongkong, 1st July, 1867.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
OF
HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIRST.
A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation, and prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

MARINE DEPARTMENT.
Policies at current rates, payable either here in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China, and Australia.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.
Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.
A discount of 20%, allowed.

LIFE DEPARTMENT.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding \$5,000 on reasonable terms.

HOLLIDAY WISE & Co.
of 136B, HONGKONG, 28th July, 1872.

NOTICE.

IN Order to meet the wishes of the Native Community, the Chinese Issues of this Paper has been, from the commencement of the CHINA NEW Year, issued DAILY instead of on alternate days as before.

The Editor, Established for nearly Twenty Years, and is, as a Editorial Manager, under the Direction of a Well Educated Chinese Gentleman; gives reliable commercial and general information, and has the same position with the Native Community as the Advertisements and News as the English Daily Press with the Foreign Community. The Charge for Advertisements will be as heretofore.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1874.

A mail will close

Correspondence addressed to 1886Mails for the United States must be superscribed "to *GENERAL POST OFFICE*" and that addressed to the United Kingdom must be superscribed "via *San Francisco*".

ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster-General

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 15th November, 1875.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET "BOOGIE"
The French Contraband Packet "BOOGIE" will be despatched on Thursday, the 2nd December, with Mail to and through the United Kingdom, via *Mauritius*; to Europe, Saigon, Hongkong, Shanghai, Australia, New Zealand, and the Cape of Good Hope, via *Madagascar*, *Agoueyelles*, *Reunion*, *Mauritius*, *Seychelles*, *St. Helena*, *St. Paul*, and *Alexandria*.

The following will be the hours of closing:
Mails, &c.,

Wednesday, Dec. 1st.
5 p.m. Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NIGHT BUS, which remains open all night.

Thursday, Dec. 2nd.
7 a.m. Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, and for collection of money.
10 a.m. Registry of Letters.
11 A.M. Post Office closes except for Letters to the United Kingdom only.
11.10 A.M. Letters (but Letters only addressed to the United Kingdom or to Singapore may be posted on payment of Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage with mail.
11.30 a.m. when the Post Office CLOSURES entirely.

ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster-General

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 15th November, 1875.

Arrangements have been made for the Registration of Correspondence exchanged between the United States of America and this Colony by Pacific Mail Packets of the Occidental and Oriental Steam Ship Company.

The Registration Fee will be 8 cents for each Letter, and 10 cents for each Parcel. The Postage. This is to be paid by the Letter or Parcel.

No Letters can be Registered after 2 p.m. on the day of departure of the Mail.

ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster-General

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 15th November, 1875.

The following reduced Rates of Postage take effect from this day —

Back Letters, Newspapers, Parcels, &c.

PORTUGUAL. — Cents. 40 6 p.m. 2
Via Southampton 44 p.m. 2 6 p.m. 2

MAZORES ISLANDS. —

Via Brindisi, &c. 40 p.m. 4 8 14 p.m. 4
Via Marseilles, &c. 44 p.m. 4 8 14 p.m. 4

Via Brindisi, ...	} 34 per 1/2 oz.	8. 12 per 3
Via Marseilles, ...		

Via Southampton, 30 per cent. 6 1/2 per cent.
 HONG KONG AND
 HAWAII.
 Via Brindisi, ... 33 per cent. 10 1/2 per cent.
 Via Marseilles, ... 33 per cent. 10 1/2 per cent.
 Via Southampton, 30 per cent. 8 1/2 per cent.
ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster General.
General Post Office,
 Hongkong, 25th August, 1875.

The Postmaster at San Francisco has given notice that letters despatched from this Colony (whether through the Post Office or by private business) letters by the United States and other packets, will not be forwarded to any place within the United States unless the postage from America to such places be prepaid in American Postage Stamps, but will be allowed to this Colony.

Such letters should either be prepaid in Hongkong and American Stamps as above reported to an Agent in the United States. This notice especially applies to the following places, and the amount of postage to which are as follows:—

	News- papers, PAPERS, BOOKS.	Colonial Books.
Albany, N. York, ...	6 p. oz.	2 — 4 p. oz.
Boston, ...	— 1/2 oz.	— 1/2 oz.
Brussels, ...	— 1/2 oz.	— 1/2 oz.
Calcutta, ...	— 1/2 oz.	— 1/2 oz.
Canal, ...	— 1/2 oz.	— 1/2 oz.
Chennai, ...	— 1/2 oz.	— 1/2 oz.
Canton, ...	— 1/2 oz.	— 1/2 oz.
Cebu, ...	— 1/2 oz.	— 1/2 oz.
Colon, ...	— 1/2 oz.	— 1/2 oz.
Genoa, ...	— 1/2 oz.	— 1/2 oz.
Hankow, ...	— 1/2 oz.	— 1/2 oz.
Hongkong, ...	— 1/2 oz.	— 1/2 oz.
Kobe, ...	— 1/2 oz.	— 1/2 oz.
Lyons, ...	— 1/2 oz.	— 1/2 oz.
Manila, ...	— 1/2 oz.	— 1/2 oz.
Medan, ...	— 1/2 oz.	— 1/2 oz.
Penang, ...	— 1/2 oz.	— 1/2 oz.
Peking, ...	— 1/2 oz.	— 1/2 oz.
Rangoon, ...	— 1/2 oz.	— 1/2 oz.
San Francisco, ...	— 1/2 oz.	— 1/2 oz.
Singapore, ...	— 1/2 oz.	— 1/2 oz.
Sourabaya, ...	— 1/2 oz.	— 1/2 oz.
Tientsin, ...	— 1/2 oz.	— 1/2 oz.
Yokohama, ...	— 1/2 oz.	— 1/2 oz.

ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster General.
General Post Office,
 Hongkong, 12th July, 1875.

It is hereby notified for general information that the Postage on Letters addressed to Hongkong, when forwarded via Southampton, thenceforward be 36 cents for each half ounce, which may either be paid in advance, or, if not so, be collected on delivery of the letter. Letters will be subject to an additional charge on delivery.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.
General Post Office, Hongkong.

It is hereby notified that the rates of post on chargeable despatches, on Letters addressed to Hongkong, when forwarded by Express Packet, will be the same as those chargeable on Letters forwarded by British Packet via Brindisi.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.
General Post Office, Hongkong.

SONG.

Tigers that prey on cattle are generally perfectly well known to the cowherds and others who resort to their neighborhood. They seldom molest men, and are often driven away from their prey, after killing it.

Although there is much in the sport of tiger hunting that renders it inferior, and

really seem in many cases to live among the villagers and their herds, much like a semi-domesticated animal, though, from a mutual consent to avoid direct interviews as much as possible, they are chiefly known by their track in the river beds, and by their depredations on the cattle. They do not, of course, confound their attacks to the cattle of a single village, usually having a whole series of them where they are on visiting terms, and among which they distribute their favors with great impartiality. Generally there is at least one native in every circle of villages whose profession is that of *skatki*, or hunter, who is always on the outlook to shoot the villages. When he has taken a bilbock having been killed, he proceeds to the spot, and erects a platform of leafy boughs in the nearest tree, watches by night for the return of the tiger, who, though he may kill and lap the blood during the day, never feeds before

sunset. Generally he does not get a shot at the tiger being extremely suspicious when approaching his "kill," and the shikaris are usually such bunglers at their work as to disturb the tiger before he has had time to prepare for the miss when he does shoot. The result, the jungle being somewhat trying on the nerves; and if he kills one tiger in the course of the year he considers himself lucky. His weapon is a long matchlock, which he loads with six "fingers" of powder and two bullets. These fly a little apart, so that the tiger hits are usually two or three. His method of shooting is in sometimes imitated by lazy European sportsmen.

Another way of hunting ordinary tigers is to beat them out of their mid-day retreats with a strong gang of beaters, supplied with

drums, fireworks, etc., the guns themselves being posted at likely spots ahead. The plan is often successful, when the operations are directed by some one who knows the ground. Frequently, however, the tiger is not found at all, and moreover he is usually managed to escape at the sides or break back through the brush without coming up to the guns at all. It is also the disadvantage of exposing the beaters to much danger; and there are few who shoot in this fashion who have not had more than one better killed before them. To stalk in on foot is generally impracticable, as the vast swarms of little flies in thick

cover that he merely sees the tiger in time to get out of the way for a shot. In some places, however, where the tigers lie in rocky places inaccessible to elephants, this is the only way to do; and in very certain ones it is that, there being no other cover. In such places, the hunters generally take cover and plenty of command, and lie in wait for the tiger to come up the elevations whenever he sees and starts to come down. The hunters are undoubtedly the best way of hunting tigers, and the only way of hunting tigers in Central India—namely, to bring in the aid of the trainee elephant, and follow and shoot him in the morning retreat. Any one who thinks that he can only get to mount himself on the back of an elephant and ride him through a jungle and find himself very much mistaken on trying. A number of sportsmen with a large number of elephants, may kill tigers if they simply beat through likely covers for a tiger and shoot him as he comes out. But the tiger is killed or by driving him through with beasts, without the possession of any skill in woodcraft whatever. But no sort of hunting

requires more careful arrangements, greater knowledge of the habits of the animal, perseverance, and good shooting, than the pursuit of the tiger by a single sportsman without aid.

Some people affect to despise this practice of using elephants in following tigers, and talk a good deal about shooting them on foot. As regards danger to the sportsman, nine-tenths of the tigers said to be shot on foot are really killed from trees or rocks, and the sportsman is not in any danger, but only when they then turn to the unfortunate bearers, if used; but when this is not the case the sport generally resolves itself into an undignified sneaking about the outskirts of the covers, in the hope of getting an occasion for shooting. The method of hunting more tigers is wounded than are finally secured, the only danger lying in following up a wounded animal, which is usually avoided; and thus an innocuous animal is often converted into a source of danger to the sportsman. It is reported that, for a short period of their lives, make a practice of hunting and shooting tigers really on foot; but they are seldom very successful, and sooner or later get killed, or

such folly for the remainder of their days. A man on foot has no chance whatever in a thick jungle with a tiger that is bent on killing him. He cannot see a yard before him, and is himself conspicuous to every animal about him.

one of the ordeals, where the elephant is made to pass under a low bridge, or through a hole in a side of a rat, and can move at will through the thickest cover without the slightest sound or stir. At the same time the sportsman who, as a rule, uses an elephant in thick cover, will find quite enough opportunity, in the absence of his tiger, to make a kill on foot, particularly if he marks down and tracks his own game instead of employing khakis to do so. Even on the elephant all is not perfectly safe, instances being not rare of elephants being completely mangled by tigers. While accidents from the running away of elephants in tree-jungle are still more common. Much of the excitement of the sport depends on the sportsman's method of attacking the tiger. Some men box a tiger up in a corner and push him all round, getting him to make a charge, and then, at a distance, circling round, and offering dogs of peace to the tiger, and never get a charge at all. As a rule, when on an elephant, in fair ground, the object should be to get the tiger to charge, instead of letting him sneek away, and then to make a dash at him, and an exciting encounter, while if let away it may be hours before he is found again, if he ever is at all.

The first difficulty is to get reliable information of the presence of tigers in a particular neighborhood. The natives may say that there are no tigers, or they may usually attribute, erroneously, to "chased niggers," combine to make the natives in most places very unwilling to give information about tigers. Firstly, it is likely to bring down a large encampment of "saibs" on their village, which, they very justly fear, will result in their being very severely punished for not knowing how to keep tigers away from the rural language and his train of overbearing, swindling servants, who fully carry out the principle that from him who hath not what little he hath shall be taken away, and that without a price too, stink in the nostrils of the poor inhabitants of the tracts where tigers are found.

The tiger himself is in fact far more dumb than those who expect ever against

and their capriciousness. Everywhere the eternal tyranny of the tiger has imprinted itself on the faithful page. His track to the water is straight and leisurely, while that of the nilgai, spotted-deer, is halting and suspicious, and apt to end in wild scurry to right and left, where it crosses the tiger's. Here and there bleaching skulls and bones show that the whole herd have not always made good their escape.—Even "The Highlands of Central India," by Captain James Forsyth of the Bengal Staff Corps.

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